

\$25 Million for the Purchase of Low-Emission Construction Equipment for Public Agencies

December 7, 2006

Funding Availability

- 2006-2007 State Budget originally allocated \$25 million for school buses
- Approval of Proposition 1B
 - \$200 million for school buses
 - \$25 million originally for school buses redirected to public agency construction equipment

New Funding Available for School Buses

- Proposition 1B provides \$200 million to replace old buses and retrofit existing buses
- School bus \$200 million available when appropriated by Legislature
 - Could replace remaining pre-1977 and ~1,000 more high-emitting pre-1987 buses
- State and local funds have already retired nearly all pre-1977 school buses
 - ~75 pre-1977 buses still on the road

Eligible Projects

- Provide funding for the cleanest, most cost-effective technology available
- Equipment that will remain in the fleet long term
- Rely on existing programs
- Project types
 - Equipment Replacement
 - Repower
 - Level 3 Retrofit

Criteria for Project Selection

- Scored competitively based on:
 - Cost-effectiveness
 - Ozone and PM non-attainment status
 - Projects using a Tier 3 engine
- 50% of funds to environmental justice areas
- 10% set aside for fleets in low-population counties
- Per agency funding limits
 - \$500,000 for agencies in low-population counties
 - \$1 million for all other fleets

Timeline

- Late November 2006 - Public Workshop
- Early February 2007- Release RFP
- Early March 2007 - Applications due to ARB
- Early May 2007 - Select projects/begin grant process
- June 30, 2007 - All grants signed
- June 30, 2008 - All projects completed